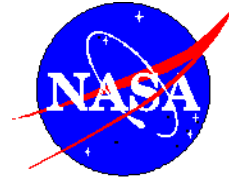


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Note to Editors: Aeronautics Education Laboratory for Eastern Shore Students to be Dedicated May 4

NASA and area education officials will dedicate a state-of-the-art Aeronautics Education Laboratory at 9 a.m., May 4, at Mary N. Smith Middle School, Accomac, Va.

The dedication will include comments by the officials and tours of the laboratory.

The lab is a partnership between NASA and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md. It will be located at the new Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy Program site at the school. Virginia and Maryland students on the Eastern Shore will use the lab.

The Aeronautics Educational Laboratory is a leap in classroom technology with an electronically enhanced computerized classroom that puts cutting-edge technology in the hands of students in grades seven through twelve. The laboratory was built and equipped with a combination of university and NASA funds for about \$100,000. It is part of a nationwide network of similar programs across the country cosponsored by NASA.

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